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1. Attached herewith is a copy of a memorandum from IAB in regard to subject report from Michael POPPE. Since POPPE's record, and previous evaluations of his reports, certainly don't indicate that he is a "Fabricator", we can only assume that he stooped briefly to the level of plagiarizing. We realize that, several times in the past, you have included a phrase in the source description to the effect that the information was "gained through open Soviet publications and his own personal knowledge", but it would seem in this instance, that even such qualification would not be justified, as according to IAB, the complete contents were pulled from the Great Soviet Encyclopedia. This factor, of course, makes the information entirely unsuitable for a report of any kind as the information is already in the hands of the evaluator as reference material.

2. We forward the attached for your information and to alert you to additional biographic reports which POPPE may furnish which give indication of being lifted bodily from reference works. As we say, we think that POPPE's record has been such that we can assure IAB that we are not in the tell of a Fabricator and unless you have received other indications that POPPE is not playing square with you, we shall let the matter ride. We do think, however, that extreme care should be exercised to avoid his putting us on the spot like this again.

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